Undue delay in approvals of GRC cases

*295. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) cases take months together to be cleared after the Committee passes favourable orders;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending with the Dierector General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for approval on the recommendation of the GRC;

(c) the resons for such undue delay in clearing the files by the DGFT on the recommendations of the GRC;

(d) the steps being taken to streamline the system; and

(e) how many such cases are pending like this in the DGFT/GRC during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) After Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) passes favourable orders, in some cases statutory requirement necessitates approval by the concerned Committee before final implementation. All the 54 GRC decisions, in favour of applicants relating to DGFT, taken during financial year 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto 31.10.07) have been implemented/cleared.

Constables in Para-Military forces

†*296. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Para-Military Forces in the country;

(b) the total number of posts of constables in these Forces;

(c) the total number of posts vacant at present out of the same;

(d) the steps being taken to fili-up these posts; and

(e) whether any proposal for the creation of a new security force is pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) The Para Military forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs are: Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Assam Rifles (AR) and National Security Guard (NSG).

(b) and (c) The total number of posts and vacancies of Constables in these Forces are as under:-

Force	Sanctioned posts of Constables	Constable vacancies		
		General Duty (GD)	Other including technical cadres	Total
CRPF	1,64,011	1213	3202	4,415
BSF	1,31,303	1197	146	1,343

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CISF	55,732	2785	22	2,807
SSB	31,824	1330	867	2,197
ITBP	27,665	1983	210	2,193
AR	42,811	1250	602	1,852
NSG	2,588*	Nil	128	128

*NSG is a deputationist Force, as such, posts are not filled by direct recruitment.

(d) Recruitment of Constables is an ongoing process through the Recruitment Boards of the Forces. Difficulties arise in filling up posts of Constable in technical cadres due to inadequate response from persons with the requisite technical qualification.

(e) No, Sir.

Pending cases of freedom fighters

†*297. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government had started the process of giving Samman Nidhi to those who had participated in Chauri Chaura (Gorakhpur) Movement;

(b) whether Samman Nidhi was given to those who had participated in Chauri Chaura, in the year 1994-95;

(c) the number of cases of freedom fighters pending with Government as on the 31st March, 2007; and

(d) the number of freedom fighters whose cases were settled in 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir. As per information provided by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the then Governor of Uttar Pradesh took a policy decision on 2nd December, 1993 to grant Rajya Samman Pension to the eldest dependents of certain categories of freedom fighters who had participated in the Chauri-Chaura incident, on condition that these persons would get pension throughout their life but their dependents would not be eligible for the pension in any case. Accordingly, the Government of Uttar Pradesh have, till date granted pension to 133 dependents of such freedon fighters.

(b) No pension was provided in 1994-95 to those who participated in the Chauri-Chaura Movement; but their dependents were provided pension in 1994-95.

(c) No case for grant of Samman Pension to the dependents of freedom fighters who

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